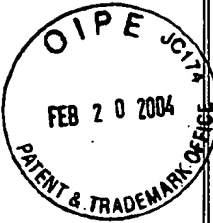


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In re Application of: )  
Jean-Louis H. GUERET ) Group Art Unit: 3751  
Application No.: 09/986,021 ) Examiner: K. Prunner  
Filed: November 7, 2001 )  
For: PRODUCT APPLICATION )  
DEVICE INCLUDING A DIP TUBE )

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Sir:

**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF  
JANUARY 15, 2004 INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER**

Applicant wishes to express sincere appreciation to the Examiner's Primary Examiner (Mr. Timothy Maust) and Supervisory Examiner (Mr. Gregory Huson) for granting a personal interview in this case and for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representatives during the interview.

Applicant's representatives conducted the personal interview with the Examiner's Primary Examiner ("Primary Examiner") on January 15, 2004. Applicant files this Statement which sets forth the substance of the interview in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 713.04, ed. 8, rev. 1 (Feb. 2003).

During the interview, Applicant's representatives presented remarks explaining why all of the objections and rejections in the final Office Action dated October 3, 2003

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should be withdrawn. In particular, Applicant's representatives noted that those objections and rejections should be withdrawn for all of the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed on July 14, 2003.

As reflected in the Interview Summary, the Primary Examiner agreed to withdraw all of the objections and rejections outstanding in the final Office Action. With respect to the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claim 23, the Primary Examiner proposed amending claim 23, after the term device, to include the following functional language: --for a cosmetic or care product--. The Applicant's representative later authorized the Primary Examiner to make such a claim change via an Examiner's Amendment.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this statement and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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